

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner indicates that claims 1-12 and 14 are allowed. The applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject material.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by prior art Fig. 1 of the subject application. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,556,086 B2 to *Keaveney et al.* To expedite prosecution, the applicants herein cancel claims 13 and 15.

Accordingly, each of the pending claims of the subject application are allowed.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



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